

**Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1, lines 5-7, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph, as amended:

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This application is a Continuation-In-Part Application, which claims priority from U.S. Application 10/348,357, filed 21 January 2003, issued on 30 March 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,712,040, entitled *VARIABLE THROTTLE VALVE*, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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